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SUBJECT: US-JAPAN BILATERALS ON ME/AFRICA

1. DURING MEETING FEBRUARY 18 MOFA ME/AFRICA BUREAU DEPDIR MURATA SUGGESTED TO POLCOUNS THAT WE ATTEMPT TO SCHEDULE BILATERALS ON MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA. AS LAST SESSION WAS HELD IN WASHINGTON (APRIL 29, 1975), AND NORMAL PRACTICE HAS BEEN TO ALTERNATE YEARLY, MOFA ANTICIPATES HOSTING BILATERALS THIS YEAR. FONOFF WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S IDEAS ON TIMING. BEST PERIODS IN MINISTRY'S VIEW ARE LAST HALF OF APRIL THROUGH EARLY MAY, OR JULY.

2. WE RECALL THAT SUBSTANTIVE EXCHANGE AT LAST SESSION WAS AT DIRECTOR-GENERAL/DAS LEVEL. MURATA SAYS JAPANESE WOULD BE MOST PLEASED IF ASST. SECRETARY SCHAUFELE CAN JOIN BILATERALS THIS YEAR.
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